

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, NICE Community School District, Townships of Champion, Ely, Humboldt, Ishpeming, Tilden, and Spurr; Counties of Baraga and Marquette; and the State of Michigan held on **Monday, March 18, 2024.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Steve Baril, John Grove, Chad Korpi, Ron Mariani, Scott Mann

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Crystal LaFreniere

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Cliff Fossitt, Griffin Lawson, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, Jake Skewis

Administrator's Absent: Eric Warlin

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition

Updates were shared on recent the BPA State Leadership Conference, District Solo & Ensemble, WSMA Band Festival and the successful showing from our students. Building administrators also gave an academic update.

Consent Agenda

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Chad Korpi to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,052,755.11 for the period of February 19, 2024 through March 15, 2024; to approve the February payrolls in the amount of \$725,416.91; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,778,172.02; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$2,349,009.01 and total disbursements of \$1,657,072.64; to approve the Debt Retirement Fund balance of \$250.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,259,589.03 for February 29, 2024. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Bryan DeAugustine gave an update about some potential curriculum work that could be included in health classes that include topics such as grief, loss, death, dying and suicide prevention. He also mentioned the Eagle Mine severance tax.

Chris Marana reported on kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year, reading month wrap-up including closing ceremonies and the upcoming Spring Carnival.

Griffin Lawson reported on the recent band concert, upcoming choral concert and the student council sponsored "nostalgia games."

Jake Skewis reported that winter sports are officially done and talked about some season honors for some of our student athletes. He also mentioned that he recently attended an athletic conference and it was an overall good experience. Lastly he mentioned some the high school athletes reading to the elementary students as part of March is Reading Month.

Cliff Fossitt reported on the drama performance of The Outsiders. He also talked about the band concert, upcoming choral concert, the 9th grade science fair and the upcoming National Honor Society Induction ceremony.

Nate Longton gave a special thank you to Occupational Therapist Marybeth Coyne for her help with securing some dental services for some of our students who had a need. He also reported on SCI and FSP field trips.

Bryan DeAugustine said that facilities and grounds are in good shape and in transportation there may be some action required by the board in April to liquidate a couple buses from our fleet.

Committee Reports

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – Met this evening to consider the first reading of new policy updates from NEOLA.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Scott Mann to hire Ella Luke as a teacher aide. Motion carried.

Community Comments

None

Closing Comments by Board & Superintendent

Ron Mariani congratulated all of the academic achievers.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by Chad Korpi to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____